Desiltation of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam

1656. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the storage capacity of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Karnataka has been reduced;

(b) whether it is also a fact that so far no desiltation work has been taken up;

(c) if so, the assistance/steps Government propose to take for desiltation; and

(d) whether the Central Government will provide special financial package for desiltation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) As per the capacity survey of reservoir of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam carried out in the year 1990, the gross storage capacity has reduced by about 2.13% during the period 1932-1990.

(b) and (c) Desiltation of reservoirs has not been found to be techno-economically viable. However, rate of siltation of reservoirs can be reduced by taking preventive measures like afforestation, catchment area treatment etc.

(d) Central Government does not provide special financial package for desiltation of reservoirs.

World Bank Aided programmes in Andhra Pradesh

1659. SHRI RUMANDALA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank funded programme on modernization of hydrological data collection and updating the accuracy of flood forecasting, launched in 1996 and scheduled for completion by March, 2001 has been extended by one more year;

(b) if so, the number of World Bank funded programmes operating in the Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the progress of each programme;

(d) the amount utilised so far by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) by when these programmes are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir The World Bank aided Hydrology Project launched in September, 1995 and scheduled for completion in March, 2002 has been extended by one year *i.e.* up to march, 2003.

(b) In addition to the Hydrology project, two projects namely, Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project-III and Andhra Pradesh Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component) are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh with the World Bank assistance of US$ 325 million and US$ 142 million respectively.

(c) to (e) Upto September, 2001 US$ 122.44 and US$ 56.82 million have been utilized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for A.P. Third Irrigation Project and Andhra Economic Restructuring Project (Irrigation Component) Respectively. These projects are scheduled for completion by January, 2003 and March 2004 respectively.

Clearance to irrigation Projects in North-Eastern Region

1660. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects of North-Eastern Region awaiting clearance from Government; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The details of five medium irrigation projects of North-Eastern Region submitted to the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal are as follows:-

S.N.	Project	State	Status
1.	Burisiti	Assam	Accepted by Advisory Committee in June 1998 subject to monitoring of Ground Water by the State Government. Investment clearance is held up for want of concurrence of State Finance Department.
2.	Dzuza	Nagaland	Accepted by Advisory Committee in October 1998. Investment clearance is held up for want of concurrence of State Finance Department.
3.	Jiri	Manipur	Accepted by Advisory Committee in August 1999 for investment clearance.